

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE:) Chapter: 7
)
PARVEZ H. SHIRAZI,) Bankruptcy No. 08-17167
)
) Hon. Donald R. Cassling
Debtor.)

**COVER SHEET FOR APPLICATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION**
(Appendix to Rule 607)

Name of Applicant: Alan D. Lasko, CPA

Authorized to Provide Professional Service to: David R. Brown, Chapter 7 Trustee

Date of Order Authorizing Employment: April 24, 2009

Period for Which Compensation is Sought: February 8, 2011 through August 22, 2012

Amount of Fees Sought: \$4,585.50

Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought: \$ 97.85

This is a: Second and Final Application

If this is *not* the first application filed herein by this, disclose as to all prior fee applications:

<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	Total	Any Amount
		Requested (Fees and Expenses)	Total <u>Allowed</u>
2/15/11	4/29/09-2/07/11	\$5,427.64	\$5,427.64 n/a

The aggregated amount of fees and expenses *paid* to the Applicant to date for services rendered and expenses incurred herein is: \$ 5,427.64

Applicant: Alan D. Lasko, CPA

Date: August 24, 2012 BY: /s/ David R. Brown
David R. Brown, Trustee

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75-6843174) **Chapter 7**
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**SECOND AND FINAL APPLICATION
OF ALAN D. LASKO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
FOR ALLOWANCE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

ALAN D. LASKO AND ALAN D. LASKO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, request second and final compensation of \$4,585.50 and expenses of \$97.85 for the time period from February 8, 2011 through August 22, 2012. A detail is provided herein for the Estate, which identifies by subject matter the services performed by the Applicant. Additional detail is provided to reflect the function and individual performing said services. Lastly, each individual's classification and hourly rate is also reflected. In addition, attached is the Affidavit pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

INTRODUCTION

This Court has jurisdiction over this Second and Final Fee Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Sections 328, 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532, the "Bankruptcy Code"), as supplemented by Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 5082-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the Local Rules"), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 promulgated by the United States Department of Justice, dated on January 30, 1996 (the "UST Guidelines").

Under Rule 2016(b), the Firm has not shared, nor agreed to share, (a) any compensation it has received or may receive in these cases with another person or party other than the Firm's associates and other employees, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive in these cases.

GENERAL

The Debtor filed a petition under Chapter 7 on or about July 2, 2008. A Trustee was subsequently appointed. On April 24, 2009, Alan D. Lasko & Associates, P.C. was approved by the Court issued as the accountants for the Trustee. Reflected in this Fee Application is the Applicant's time for the preparation of the Estate's workpapers and tax returns for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

FEE APPLICATION

The fees sought by this Second and Final Fee Application reflect an aggregate of 26.8 hours of ADLPC's time spent and recorded in performing services during the Second and Final Compensation Period. This fee request does not include time that might be construed as duplicative or otherwise not beneficial to the Trustee or the Debtor's Estate, which has already been eliminated by ADLPC. In accordance with the factors enumerated in Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amount of fees requested is fair and reasonable given: (a) the complexity of this case, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered (d), the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

All of the services for which second and final compensation is sought were rendered solely in connection with this case, in furtherance of the duties and functions of the Trustee and not on behalf of any individual creditor or other person.

ADLPC has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in this case.

ADLPC has not shared, or agreed to share (a) any compensation it has received or may receive with another party or person, other associates of the Firm, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive. No promises have been received by ADLPC as to compensation in connection with this case other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORIES

The categories in this Application as listed below:

BILLING

The Applicant has incurred 1.2 hours in the preparation of this fee Application.

Cost \$113.00

A recap of compensation for this category is as follows:

	Hours	Rate	Amount
A. Lasko	0.2	\$ 270.00	\$ 54.00
C. Wilson, Staff	1.0	59.00	59.00
	<u>1.2</u>		<u>\$ 113.00</u>

YEAR-END TAX WORK

The Applicant incurred 20.6 hours in the completion of the preparation of the Estate's years 2008 and 2009 workpapers and year-end tax returns. In addition, the preparation of the workpapers and tax returns for 2010 was done.

The work also included the following:

- Record Trustee's Form 2.
- Review of investments, tax returns/K-1s as available.
- Discussed tax issues with Trustee.
- Estimated time to prepare the Estate's final information tax returns.

Cost \$3,397.70

A recap of compensation for this category is as follows:

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. Lasko (Post 07/01/10)	2.5	\$ 270.00	\$ 675.00
A. Lasko (Pre 07/01/10)	5.8	260.00	1,508.00
L. Li, Accounting Supervisor	0.4	186.00	74.40
C. Lee, Staff	10.3	99.00	1,019.70
T. Kong, Staff	0.2	99.00	19.80
J. Lasko, Staff	1.4	72.00	100.80
	<u>20.6</u>		<u>\$ 3,397.70</u>

RESPOND TO TAX AUTHORITIES

The Applicant incurred 5.0 hours responding to the State of Illinois and successfully reversing a duplication of tax, penalties and interest by the State in processing the tax return (reversed over \$13,000 in tax, penalties and interest).

Cost \$1,074.80

A recap of compensation for this category is as follows:

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. Lasko	1.8	\$ 270.00	\$ 486.00
D. Konomidis, Tax Supervisor	3.2	184.00	588.80
	<u>5.0</u>		<u>\$ 1,074.80</u>

The Applicant reflects hourly rates and hours worked by each person by function. The recap also reflects the cost of each function performed. In order to assist the Court and parties in interest to evaluate this fee request, your Applicant has reflected below the range of rates charged by staff level.

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Owner	\$260	-	\$275
Manager/Director	220	-	260
Supervisors	160	-	220
Senior	120	-	160
Assistant	65	-	120

To provide an orderly and meaningful summary of the services rendered by ADLPC in accordance with its employment, ADLPC has summarized the services provided by the project billing categories for its second and final fee period are as follows:

Recap by Project	First Interim Application	Second and Final Application		Total
Billing	\$ 111.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 224.00	
Year-End Work	5,315.60	3,397.70	8,713.30	
Respond to Tax Authorities	-	1,074.80	1,074.80	
Net Request	<u>\$ 5,426.60</u>	<u>\$ 4,585.50</u>	<u>\$ 10,012.10</u>	
Recap by Hour	Hours	Amount	Blended Rate	
Billing	2.4	\$ 224.00	\$ 93.33	
Year-End Work	53.0	8,713.30	\$ 164.40	
Respond to Tax Authorities	5.0	1,074.80	\$ 214.96	
	<u>60.4</u>	<u>\$ 10,012.10</u>	<u>\$ 165.76</u>	

EXPENSES

It is the Firm's policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice for identifiable, non-overhead expenses incurred in connection with the client's case that would not have been incurred except for representation of that particular client. It is the Firm's policy to charge its client only the

amount actually incurred by the Firm in connection with such items. Examples of such expenses are postage, overnight mail, courier delivery, transportation, airfare, meals, and lodging.

Recap	First Interim <u>Application</u>	Second and Final <u>Application</u>	<u>Total</u>
Postage	\$ 0.44	\$ -	\$ 0.44
Copy costs	0.60	41.30	41.90
Overnight Mail	-	<u>56.55</u>	<u>56.55</u>
	<u>\$ 1.04</u>	<u>\$ 97.85</u>	<u>\$ 98.89</u>

The Applicant has received first interim compensation and expenses for the period April 27, 2009 through February 7, 2011 of \$5,426.60 and \$9.04, respectively.

ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION

The foregoing professional services rendered during the Compensation Period were necessary and appropriate to the administration of the Chapter 7 case and was in the best interests of the parties in interest. Compensation for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problems, issues, or tasks involved. ADLPC has taken significant efforts to ensure that the professional services were performed with expedience and in an efficient manner and without duplication of effort.

Section 330 provides that a court may award a professional employed under Section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual necessary services rendered . . . and reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Section 330 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded, the court should consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including.

- (A) the time spent on such services;
- (B) the rates charged for such services;
- (C) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title;
- (D) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue or task addressed; and
- (E) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

Id. § 330(a)(3).

In the instant case, ADLPC respectfully submits that the services for which it seeks compensation in this Second and Final Fee Application were necessary for and beneficial to the Trustee's efforts in administering the Debtor's Estate, and necessary to and in the best interests of the Debtor's Estate. ADLPC further submits that the compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services provided to the Trustee and the Debtor's Estate.

The rates charged by ADLPC in this case are standard for any bankruptcy matter, and are identical to the rate it would charge throughout the country in any bankruptcy case of this size and prominence.

In sum, the services rendered by ADLPC were necessary and beneficial to the Debtor's Estate, and were consistently performed in a timely manner commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the issues involved. As shown by this Second and Final Fee Application and supporting exhibits, ADLPC incurred professional time economically and without unnecessary duplication of effort. In addition, the work involved, and thus the time expended, was carefully assigned in view of the experience and expertise required for a particular task. Accordingly, approval of the second and final compensation sought herein for the Compensation Period is warranted.

CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Based upon the foregoing, your Applicant submits that the relief requested is justified in the circumstances and its allowance would be appropriate. Therefore, the requested second and final compensation of \$4,585.50 and expenses of \$97.85 should be allowed for services by your Applicant for the period February 8, 2011 through August 22, 2012.



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Ms. Li has 6 years of valuation experience and 8 years of performing accounting and tax services. She has a B.A. from Xi An Jiao Tong University in China and a Ph.D. in Communications Studies from Northwestern University in Evanston. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society. She is also certified by the National Association of Valuation Analysts for her valuation certificate. In addition, she is a Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

Connie Lee – Staff

Ms. Lee is a fifth-year staff person performing accounting and tax services. Ms. Lee has a Bachelor of Accounting from DeVry University.

Tricia Kong – Staff

Ms. Kong is a fourth-year staff person performing accounting and tax services. Ms. Kong has a Masters in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Bachelor's of Commerce from the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Joseph Lasko – Staff

Mr. Lasko is a first-year intern staff person performing accounting and tax services. Mr. Lasko has a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the University of Iowa.

STAFF LEVEL – SUPERVISORS, SENIORS AND ASSISTANTS

SUPERVISORS

After a period of several years of experience, senior accountants are advanced to the supervisory level. Supervisors have administrative and overview responsibility on a broader level than senior accountants. Supervisors are responsible to keep the manager abreast of the progress of the engagement of the problems encountered in a particular circumstance.

SENIORS

After a period of usually 2 to 3 years, an individual is advanced to the senior level. Seniors are primarily responsible for the day-to-day functions of fieldwork with the Court. In bankruptcy-related work, audit seniors may also perform specific tasks at the request of a manager or supervisor.

ASSISTANTS

Staff assistants usually execute basic assignments or tasks. In bankruptcy-related work, assistants primarily perform specific projects at specified times under the supervision of a senior, supervisor or manager.